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SUBJ: MORALES BERMUDEZ REAFFIRMS GOP'S DOUBLE OBJECTIVE OF
SOLVING ECONOMIC CRISIS AND RETURNING TO DEMOCRATIC RULE

1. IN AN AUG 30 CEREMONY COMMEMORATING THE 56TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE GUARDIA CIVIL (UNIFORMED POLICE), PRESIDENT MORALES
BERMUDEZ RENEWED THE GOP'S PLEDGE TO RESOLVE THE ECONOMIC
DIFFICULTIES PRESENTLY CONFRONTING PERU WHILE AT THE SAME TIME
CARRYING FORWARD THE RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC RULE.
HE CALLED THESE GOALS THE TWO GREAT OBJECTIVES OF HIS
GOVERNMENT: TO BEGIN THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND, SIMUL-
TANEOUSLY, DEVELOP THE TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL POWER
IN THE MOST AMPLE FROM POSSIBLE.
HE RECONGNIZED THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASIER FOR THE GOP TO
WORK TOWARD THESE OBJECTIVES ONE AT A TIME AS SOME FOREIGN
OBSERVOR'S HAD SUGGESTED TO HIM; I.E., RESOLVE THE ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS AND THEN GO FORWARD WITH THE POLITICAL TRANSFER. INSTEAD,
HE SAID, THE GOP HAS CHOSEN THE MOST DIFFICULT PATH, BUT ONE
THAT IS BOTH CONVENIENT AND NECESSARY FOR THE NATION'S
WELLBEING. THIS DUAL TASK REQUIRES ON EVERYONE'S PART AN ALMOST
ABSOLUTE DEGREE OF DESINTERESTEDNESS AND SELF-SACRIFICE.
HOWEVER, MORALES NOTED THAT DEMOCRACY SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED
WITH LIBERTINAGE, A DISTINCTION WHICH MOST, BUT NOT ALL

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